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THE ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
OF THE
TOWN OF DEERING,
FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING
MARCH 1, 1873.
TOGETHER WITH THE REPORT OF THE
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
AND THE
OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

<i>Selectmen to the town of Deering,</i>				<i>Dr.</i>
To amount of assessments,				\$5,144 10
To amount of hired money,				4,359 51
Amount,				\$9,503 61
				<i>Cr.</i>
Paid Town Treasurer, State tax,				\$750 00
" " " County tax,				473 11
" " " to defray town charges and pay				
town debts,				2,500 00
" " " School tax,				886 50
" " " Dog tax,				58 00
" " " Non-resident highway tax,				69 30
" " " to answer abatements,				193 97
" " " School-house tax Dist. No. 3,				100 00
" " " " " " 5,				41 98
" " " " " " 8,				51 22
" " " " " " 11,				15 59
" " " amount of hired money,				4,359 51
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				\$9,499 18

ANDREW J. LOCKE, } *Selectmen*
ROYAL B. OTIS, } *of Deering.*

The town of Deering in account with Andrew J. Locke, Town Treasurer.

Receipts.

Balance of last year's statement,	\$2,466 25
Assessment for the year 1872,	5,144 10
Received of State treasurer reimbursement of war expenses,	66 67
“ State treasurer, Interest on State Bond,	150 00
“ For State Bonds sold,	400 00
“ M. M. Codman, Selectman,	400 00
“ “ “ “	300 00
“ A. J. Locke, Selectman,	235 00
“ For State Bonds sold,	2,500 00
“ A. J. Locke, Selectman,	724 51
“ “ “ “	200 00
“ “ “ “	100 00
“ “ “ “	200 00
“ R. E. Otis, Selectman,	1,000 00
“ “ “ “	650 00
“ A. J. Locke, Selectman,	200 00
“ Savings Bank tax 1872,	455 71
“ Railroad tax 1872,	19 90
“ Literary fund 1872,	72 80
“ Interest on State Bonds,	63 00
“ A. J. Locke, Selectman,	350 00
“ For State Bonds sold,	2,047 50
“ Horace B. Cressey, interest on taxes,	3 75
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	\$17,749 19

Expenditures.

Paid State tax for 1872,	\$750 00
Paid County tax for 1872,	473 11
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Amount,	\$1,223 11

School Orders.

Dist. No. 1, Almon Putney,	\$115 96
“ “ 2, Royal E. Otis,	128 47
“ “ 3, Francis D. Gould,	71 03
“ “ 4, Henry Gove,	134 39
“ “ 5, Erastus H. Bartlett,	135 75
“ “ 6, Joseph P. Bailey,	70 57
“ “ 7, Mendal M. Codman,	85 48
“ “ 8, James Wallace,	104 10
“ “ 9, William G. Roach,	115 56

Dist. No. 10, John Crough,	41 05
“ “ 11, John Dickey,	24 65
“ “ 10, Henniker, D. M. Buxton,	4 22
“ “ 7, Antrim, John P. Gibson,	2 45
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	\$1,033 68

Miscellaneous Town Orders.

Warren C. Eaton, Note,	53 12
Squire M. Patten,* “	592 52
Margaret D. Codman, “	107 36
Ira S. Appleton, “	460 30
Andrew J. Reed, “	.76 36
Andrew J. Reed, endorsement on note,	228 00
Mary Bell, “ “	25 50
Margaret D. Codman, “ “	300 00
Mary Bell, “ “	13 50
Sarah Downing, “ “	200 00
Robert H. Otis, “ “	60 00
Betsy Chase, “ “	20 00
Betsy Chase, “ “	165 00
G. A. Ramsdell, “ “	1,400 00
Fidelia Colby, note,	104 00
Robert H. Otis, endorsement on note,	36 00
Horace Gove, endorsement on School Fund note,	60 00
Squire M. Patten, endorsement on note,	382 00
Freeman Dow, “ “	150 00
G. A. Ramsdell, note,	1,247 59
Erastus H. Bartlett, note,	736 22
Wm. H. Fisk, stationery,	10 90
Selectmen, repairing highway and building culverts in District No. 2,	93 75
Ira S. Appleton, repairing highway in Dist. No. 3,	13 30
Ira S. Appleton, “ “ “ 3,	6 25
H. H. Whitaker, “ “ “ 21,	12 50
Witter Wilson, use of money,	6 50
Joseph Gitchal. repairing bridge in Dist. No. 27,	5 00
A. J. Locke, repairing roads in Dists. No. 14, 22, & 27,	14 00
Mary M. Gregg, supporting watering trough,	3 00
Isaac Smith, repairing school house in Dist. No. 3,	100 00
Richard Clement, repairing road in Dist. No. 14,	7 00
Wm. Travis, repairing road,	5 25
A. J. Locke, paying State and County taxes, 1871,	4 50
A. J. Locke, door fastenings for hearse and hearse house,	1 00
C. F. Gove, supporting watering trough for 1871,	3 00
J. C. Barnes, abatement of dog tax, 1872,	1 00

J. C. Barnes, repairing roads,	1 70
J. C. Barnes, supporting watering trough,	1 50
A. C. Gould, repairing road in Dist. No. 14,	245 00
A. C. Gould, labor on road in Dist. No. 14 not included in contract,	90 00
F. D. Gould, repairing road in Dist. No. 14,	20 60
J. C. Barnes, repairing road in Dist. No. 12,	13 40
Charles Shepard, repairing road,	1 00
Isaac Smith, repairing road in Dist. No. 26,	17 57
T. N. Goodale, surveying town line,	1 00
B. K. Webber, Counsel in the J. Muzzey case in 1870,	1 00
Luther Chaney, repairing road,	14 50
Andrew J. Locke, services and expenses as Selectman, 1871,	68 75
Almon Putney, wood for Town House and repairing road,	7 00
Almon Putney, repairing Dickey hill,	35 92
Herod Chase, services as overseer of poor, 1871,	16 85
C. A. Harnden, writing contract,	1 00
J. G. Morrill, repairing road,	5 00
J. G. Morrill, repairing bridge,	6 21
C. A. Appleton, lumber and labor repairing moat bridge,	18 86
C. F. Gove, supporting watering trough, 1872,	3 00
J. C. Muzzey, abatement dog tax, 1871,	1 00
George Smart, repairing hearse,	4 50
David McAlister repairing road in Dist. No. 9,	18 35
R. W. Buttrick, plank for bridge,	34 60
R. W. Buttrick repairing highway and bridges,	18 20
Isaac Smith, repairing road in Dist. No. 26,	3 00
Ephraim Fuller, cutting bushes on highway, 1871	3 60
Wm. B. Crane, abatement of taxes assessed in 1871,	3 46
George W. Colby, repairing road in dist. No. 16,	10 07
O. N. Ellsworth, repairing road in 1871,	1 00
J. P. Bailey, repairing road,	4 50
E. B. Brown, damages received on highway,	5 00
G. B. Brown repairing road in dist. No. 22,	4 00
R. E. Otis, repairing road in dist. No. 14,	14 00
Hartwell Crane, boarding Emily Mills,	2 00
B. L. Bartlett, labor on Bartlett hill in 1871,	20 00
J. G. Gove, making hearse sleigh,	42 00
C. A. Appleton, services of auditors, 1871,	6 00
B. L. Bartlett, sundry bills paid by him as selectman, 1870,	8 20
A. J. Locke, services as town Treasurer, 1871,	33 00
A. J. Locke, cash paid for stationery, postage and express,	2 05
W. J. Loveren, labor on Bartlett hill in 1871,	24 00
Isaac Smith, services as S. S. Committee, 1871,	38 00
Isaac Smith, services as moderator, Mar. 12, 1872,	2 00

W. J. Loveren, labor on Bartlett hill, 1871,	11 00
A. C. Gould, abatement of dog tax, 1871,	2 00
R. J. Bingham, services as selectman. 1871,	75 20
W. M. Sargent, printing town reports, 1871,	37 00
C. A. Appleton, abatement on tax list of 1871,	8 87
A. J. Locke, services as Town Clerk, 1871,	15 00
R. T. Noyes, the R. S. Brown note,	741 98
First National Bank of Hillsboro' note,	1,012 00
Mary M. Gregg, note,	202 63
Margaret D. Codman, note,	101 20
Squires M. Patten, note,	106 18
Hiram G. Patten, note,	825 21
C. H. Roberts, for certified copy of reimbursement,	2 00
Sarah Downing, abatement of dog tax, 1871,	2 00
J. P. Whittle, services as vaccination agent,	65 00
James Wallace, money raised to repair school house in Dist. No. 8,	50 00
Betsy Chase, endorsement on note,	25 00
Selectmen repairing road and culverts in Dist. No 3,	46 50
John N. Currier, repairing road,	1 50
Hiram G. Patten, damage to horse,	8 45
Charles Shepard, repairing road in Dist. No. 15,	2 00
Morrison, Stanley & Hiland, counsel,	5 00
Ephraim Fuller, repairing road and bridge,	11 50
Soloman Bartlett, repairing bridges in Dist. No. 6,	9 44
Josiah Bartlett, repairing road in Dist. No. 20,	6 28
Vienna Travis, abatement of tax,	2 69
Andrew A. Wilkins, repairing road in Dist. No. 24,	8 00
Sanborn & Clark, counsel,	2 00
W. F. Whitaker, repairing and breaking road,	2 55
A. C. Gould, repairing road and building culverts in Dist. No. 8 and 14, between Colby's & Clement's cor- ner,	113 50
R. W. Buttrick, building culverts and repairing road in Dist. No. 17,	31 85
A. C. Burnham, making return of births and deaths,	1 75
Hartwell Crane, Bounty due Samuel Crane,	100 00
John W. Crane, Bounty,	100 00
E. R. Colby, land damage,	15 00
J. S. Ellinwood, breaking and repairing road,,	5 77
Nathan Sawyer, E. & C. E. Wood school-house tax,	17 27
Sarah Downing, endorsement on note,	21 00
H. B. Cressy, abatement on tax list, 1870,	43 82
Charles Joslyn, Bounty,	100 00
Almon Putney, supporting watering trough on highway for the years 1871, 1872,	6 00
William Forsaith, repairing desk and doors in Town House,	2 00

Mary Manahan, endorsement on town note,	500 00
Levi R. Baxter gravel to repair highway,	5 00
Chester A. Appleton, abatement on tax list 1871,	12 00
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	\$12,040 10

Paid for Breaking Roads.

Edwin N. Peaslee,	Winter of 1871-2,	\$24 35
Wm. T. Smith,	" "	5 80
Wm. McNiel,	" "	6 15
H. B. Cressy,	" 1872-3,	12 37
"	" 1871-2,	3 86
David C. Owen,	" 1871-2-3,	21 10
Wm. Crane,	" 1869,	82
F. D. Gould,	" 1871-2,	7 15
M. M. Gregg,	" "	1 75
I. N. Cochran,	" "	8 85
J. C. Barnes,	" "	8 68
B. L. Bartlett,	" "	4 05
George Downing,	" "	4 80
Charles Shepard,	" "	8 00
Mendal M. Codman,	" "	2 55
William Travis,	" "	13 21
Witter Wilson,	" "	3 35
C. A. Appleton,	" "	4 35
A. J. Locke,	" "	3 97
Horace Gove,	" "	15 66
John Crough,	" "	4 57
G. W. Colby,	" "	14 67
Ephraim Fuller,	" "	3 45
Perkins Dooledge,	" "	10 20
J. P. Bailey,	" "	9 30
Isaac Smith,	" "	7 85
William Forsaith,	" "	2 55
Matthew Forsaith,	" "	11 10
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		224 51

Poor Orders.

David Travis, for boarding Samuel Travis from Feb. 5, 1872 to Apr. 17, 1872,	\$10 20
David A. Travis, for boarding Samuel Travis from Apr. 17, 1872 to Jan. 1, 1873,	37 00
Russell T. Dustin, for boarding Emily Mills from Nov. 23, 1871 to Apr. 1, 1872	55 26

Russell Dustin, for boarding Emily Mills from Apr. 1, 1872 to Oct. 1, 1872,	78 00
James S. Whitaker, for boarding Jonathan Peas- lee from Nov. 13 1871 to Apr. 1, 1872.‡	74 47
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	\$254 93

Recapitulation.

Whole amount received by town Treasurer,	\$17,749 19
Paid State tax,	\$750 00
“ County tax,	473 11
“ School Orders,	1,033 68
“ Non-resident highway tax receipts,	30 02
“ Town Orders,	12,040 10
“ Breaking road Orders,	224 51
“ Poor Orders,	254 93
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Whole amount paid,	\$14,806 35
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Balance due from Treasurer,	\$2,942 84
Amount notes against the town,	\$15,818 85
Amount due from Treasurer,	2,942 84
Amount due from sale of poor farm property,	84 80
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Amount from all sources,	\$3,027 64
Amount of town debt as per Treasurer's book,	\$12,791 21

Outstanding Accounts Unsettled.

Due D. B. Hadlock, Collector,	\$44 00
“ H. B. Cressey, “	44 00
C. A. Appleton, “	45 00
L. Cheney, “	40 00
A. Tubbs, Town Clerk in of all expenses, /	20 00
J. Wallace, overseer poor,	15 00
S. S. Committee,	38 00
Other extenuated unsettled accounts,	490 57
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Aggregate,	\$736 57
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Total debt,	\$13,527 78

Outstanding Notes.

James Wood,	489 26
William Forsaith 2nd,	378 32
William Duncan,	281 11
John Duncan,	281 11
Gravil Duncan,	281 11
Robert H. Otis,	1,050 20
Jane G. Butler,	326 11
Mary Manahan,	1,503 66
M. E. Gould,	66 62
S. Wood,	343 66
Nancy Forsaith,	155 84
Betsy Chase,	280 76
George Downing,	158 68
“ “	120 89
Samuel Wood,	243 19
F. Dow,	868 71
Charles Shepard,	804 16
Sarah Downing,	1,019 90
Lydia Twiss,	160 26
J. S. Forsaith,	65 46
M. E. Gould,	85 06
L. J. Griffin,	520 63
M. McCoy,	887 35
S. Cheney,	1,513 99
R. J. Bingham,	112 04
M. Bell,	447 64
“ “	236 75
F. Dow,	441 09
R. H. Otis,	617 42
S. Wood,	406 37
L. L. Hinckley,	244 40
A. Hadlock,	203 30
W. Wilson,	657 90
J. H. Eaton,	202 40
C. C. Atwood,	353 50
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	\$15,818 85

Amount remaining in the Collectors' hands,

D. B. Hadlock,	\$322 35
Horace B. Cress,	83 07
C. A. Appleton,	215 91
Luther Chaney,	926 57
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	1,547 90

We the undersigned have examined the foregoing accounts of the treasurer and find them duly vouched and correctly cast.

ISAAC SMITH,
JAMES S. ELLENWOOD, } *Auditors.*
CHESTER APPLETON

REPORT OF OVERSEER OF POOR OF DEERING END- ING MARCH 1, 1873.

Paid for boarding Jonathan Peaslee from Nov. 13, 1871, to March 1, 1873,	241 47
Medicine and repairing clothes,	6 30
1 hat,	1 37
boarding Emily Mills from Nov. 23, 1871, to March 1, 1873,	197 98
clothing,	4 26
boarding Samuel Travis from Feb. 5, 1872, to Jan. 1, 1873,	47 28
There is now due to Travis \$8.43 to the 1st of March, 1873.	
July 30, 1872. To journey to Manchester, self and horse, and expenses on small-pox business,	4 00
My services as Overseer of the Poor,	15 00
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	\$517 66
Paid out of the above bill that was due previous to April 1, 1872,	140 01
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	\$377 65

JAMES WALLACE, *Overseer of Poor.*

SCHOOL REPORT.



FELLOW CITIZENS: Another year with its varied scenes has passed; with it the close of our official connection with our schools. How well we have discharged the duties of the office we will leave for others to judge; but this much we can safely say, that although another might have discharged its functions with more ability, yet none can possess a livelier interest in the success of our schools nor none can be willing to do more for the perpetuation of their success with the same means, than ourselves. Our system of common schools is the nation's greatest bulwark of defence. History shows that the most enlightened people are the most powerful in self defence, the most tolerant in the expression of opinion, and possess the most comprehensive ideas of civil and religious liberty, and establish under a written constitutional compact the most stable and benignant government.

Hence the welfare, prosperity and happiness of a nation or state depends upon the universal dissemination of knowledge, which can be best secured by the means furnished by our common schools, where the poor as well as the rich share its every blessing. Therefore, fellow citizens, where the consequences are so great let us try to feel the full weight of our responsibility and make every requisite effort to make our schools as efficient in fact as their founders designed.

In the retrospect there is much to encourage us. There seems to have been a more general feeling of interest manifest among our citizens the past year than heretofore. Many have found time and pleasure, we trust in visiting their schools, which exhibits a pleasant and confidential feeling among teachers and and parents excites a laudible ambition among the scholars. This is as it should be. No person can have a correct idea of any subject matter without first examining it personally. Therefore no parent can judge correctly of the character of their schools without a personal view of it, and we earnestly hope that visiting our schools by parents and citizens will become more general.

Our schools with one or two exceptions have been very successful during the past year. Some have been all we could ask with the means at their command. A greater number of young and inexperienced teachers have been employed than usual. Though most of them have displayed a good degree of tact and skill in teaching, yet more experience will better fit them for the profession.

The disagreeable and uncomfortable condition of some of our school houses are a great detriment to some of our schools, and we hope the time is not far distant when this obstacle to their success will be removed. This is a time when every department of business seeks for all new improvements to save time and labor for it pays. Now this will apply with as good results to our schools and school houses as to any branch of business. Much more efficient service can be rendered in a school room suitably furnished in a manner adapted to the condition and wants of the pupils than can be done in one which has every discomfort and inconvenience to contend with; such as some too warm or too cold, the most ill-constructed seats and desks, no ventilations save through the doors and windows, no blackboards of any practical use, or any other illustrative apparatus. With all these deficiencies it serves greatly to retard the progress of the schools, and we are sorry to say that some of our school rooms present this sad picture.

TEXT BOOKS.

On visiting our schools two years ago we found a great variety of text books in use. We endeavored to explain the great disadvantage resulting from such a mixture of books hoping that the scholars would be furnished with requisite class books without our interference but we found at the commencement of the past year that there had been no improvement in that respect, and we could not feel justified in permitting longer so great an obstacle to stand in the way of the progress of schools.

Consequently we felt constrained, there being no other feasible way than to furnish the schools with a uniform series of readers geographies and grammars. This we have done at the least possible expense and as these books cannot be exchanged for three years we think it will be quite an advantage in point of expense. A suggestion we think we may make here, that the S. S. Committee should take it upon themselves to furnish the schools with books as it is very difficult for parents sometimes to get the right kind of a book. As they must have one they get such an one as is recommended by some vender who wants to sell. Hence a multiplicity of books get into our schools. The S. S. Committee can furnish them at a considerably less expense than they can be secured at retail prices.

In accordance with the requirements of the Statute we respectfully submit the foregoing suggestions to your candid consideration, hoping that what we fail in suggesting will be made up by your united zeal to make our common schools which are the palladium of our liberties equal in every advantage to any found within our State. For the kind, hospitable manner in which we have been received by teachers, scholars and citizens while in the discharge of our duties, we return them our sincere thanks. In the following individual reports we shall endeavor to concisely portray the character of each school as we found them upon examination.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Summer Term, 7 weeks. Taught by Miss Sarah Rumrill of Hillsborough. She is a teacher of long experience, and we should say, had always been a close student and observer during that time. Her natural skill and sagacity, with her love for teaching large funds of information, ease of expression, mode of discipline, and clear explanatory conciseness combined make her one of the best teachers it has been our pleasure to meet.

That the school was a success we need not say. The closing paragraph of her remarks in the register will suffice; "Parents with the scholars have her warmest thanks for their kind cooperation for the well being of the school." No scholars 15. Average attendance 14.

Winter Term, 10 weeks. No scholars 15. Average attendance 14. Taught by the same teacher, a great proficiency was made in the various branches pursued. No 1 has been very fortunate the past year in securing their teacher. No fault to find except the bad and incommodious school-room. Do try and fix up a little.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

No scholars 19. Average attendance 14. Taught by Miss D. A. Little, of Hillsborough, 9 weeks. This was Miss L's first school. She says in her remarks, "I did not expect to do so well as an older and more experienced teacher but tried to do my best." We think so.

Winter Term, taught by J. B. Whittemore, of Hillsboro', 9 weeks. No. scholars 56, average attendance 24. This was Mr. W's first attempt at teaching, yet he succeeded very well; with some experience will make a skillful and efficient teacher. Good order and studiousness characterized the school. Lessons well committed. The advancement made was not what we might reasonably have expected, but we were pleased to find that the classes had been thoroughly drilled as far as they went.

Had Mr. W. put a little more labor into the work, required longer lessons of his scholars, and kept 6 hours for a day instead of 5 or 5 1-2 he would have accomplished more. A teacher who is awake to his duty will find that 6 hours is little time enough to get through with the proper exercises in any of our schools.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Taught Summer and Winter by Miss Eliza A. Butterfield of Francestown. Summer term 7 weeks, No. scholars 9, average attendance 9. Miss B. is a teacher of considerable experience, possessing much skill and tact in instructing her pupils in their studies. But few teachers equal her in ability to press her scholars on with so much thoroughness and rapidity. The examination passed of with much credit to teacher and scholars. In fine we can say that this was an almost faultless school.

Winter term 11 1-2 weeks, No. scholars 12, average attendance 9. Miss B. did not sustain that high reputation which she had acquired in the schools she had taught heretofore, although she worked with unsparing diligence, and succeeded in imparting much valuable instruction to her pupils and great proficiency was made in various branches pursued, especially in reading. But she failed in that dignified bearing towards her scholars which command respect, and submitted to indignities from some of them which ought not to be tolerated under any circumstances. We are sorry to pen these words but duty requires it. Much credit is due to the district for the elegant manner in which they have fitted up their school-room. We think if the citizens of some of the other districts would examine this and see how much can be done with a small sum of money, they would not hesitate long before they would move in the same direction.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

No. scholars 9, average attendance 7. Taught by Miss M. E. Fulton of this town, 8 weeks. Entering for the first time the school-room as teacher, she discharged her duties in a very satisfactory manner. The examination showed that teacher and scholars had been diligent. Miss F. evinces those qualifications which characterize our best teachers. Experience is only wanted to a full developement of her talents, when she will stand in the front ranks as an instructor.

Winter term, No. scholars 15, average attendance 11. In one respect this school presents a sad record. In comparing the No. of scholars with the average attendance it will be seen that nearly one third of the time was lost by non-attendance. This is an obstacle thrown in the way of the teacher which cannot be overcome. It matters not how zealously the teachers may ply themselves to make up to the scholar that instruction which has been lost by absence, no very satisfactory results can be effected. It will be like a book with a leaf here and there torn out. Quite an imperfect work.

This school was under the charge of Mrs. H. J. Gove of this town 11 3-5 weeks. Mrs. G. is no stranger to our schools, particularly this, it being her fifth term in the same school. We are very glad that Mrs. G's. domestic duties do not debar her indulging in a little pastime in teaching. No words of mine can add any new laurels to those already won by Mrs. G. as a teacher. We will simply say this, considering all things there was the greatest improvement in reading of any school in town. In other branches this school was not surpassed. Long may Mrs. G. find time and opportunity to devote herself to the profession she so fittingly adorns.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

No. scholars 17, average attendance 13. This school has greatly improved upon its former record, more regular in attendance, comparatively very little tardiness. This school was very fortunate in securing the services of Miss C. E. Bailey of Manchester, 8 weeks. A highly gifted and accomplished teacher. Thoroughly practical, clear and comprehensive in her instructions. With willing scholars she was able to accomplish more in the short term of 8 weeks than many teachers would in a much longer term.

Winter Term, no scholars 19, average attendance 13. Taught by Mr. George C. Patten of this town, 9 weeks. Mr. P's. long experience in teaching gave him a thorough knowledge of the

wants and requirements of a school and he is too well known to our citizens to need any words of commendation from us. The examination showed diligence and good improvement during the term. Disorder seemed most too prevalent.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

No. scholars 8, average attendance 7. Taught by Miss Emma A. Dustin of this town, 9 weeks. Not being apprised of the close of the school in season to visit we are unable to say how well it prospered under Miss D's. charge. At the commencement of the term we were favorably impressed with both teacher and scholars and doubt not but that the term was a profitable one.

Winter term, No. scholars 11, average attendance 8. Taught by Mr. I. G. Rowell of Francetown, 5 weeks. Owing to a contagious malady among the scholars, Mr. R. left before the money was expended, consequently we did not visit it but once, and cannot say but little respecting it. This was Mr R's. first attempt and from the little intercourse we had with him should judge that he was a gentleman of fine intellectual ability, and cultivated, and left no doubts upon our mind of a successful term under his charge.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Summer Term, No scholars 10. Average attendance 9.

Taught by Miss S. M. Forsaith, of this town, 10 weeks.

Considering her youth and inexperience, and a large share of diffidence betrayed by many young teachers, at the commencement, the prospect did not seem very flattering for her success, but the closing examination proved that our doubts were unfounded, that she had proved herself mistress of the situation, and had kept an excellent school.

Winter Term, No scholars 12. Average attendance 10. Taught by Miss L. E. Forsaith, of this town. Miss F. has had much experience as a teacher, her course is onward in her profession, with her untiring zeal, she fails not to excite a lively interest among her scholars, easily restrains them from any irregularities by her pleasing affable manners, much praise is due to teacher and scholars for the successful terminations of their labors.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

No. scholars 10, average attendance 8. But one term, in the winter. Taught by Miss M. A. Muzzey of this town 16 weeks. Miss M. has long been known to our citizens as a very efficient and skillful teacher. Good order, which is indispensable to the complete success of any school was very apparent and the promptness and correctness in the recitation, and rapid advancement evinced thorough elementary instruction, good attention and studiousness, which rendered the examination very pleasant to all, as several visitors present can bear witness.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

No. scholars 29, average attendance 25. Taught by Miss M. A. Gould of Hillsborough, 19 weeks. Miss G. was a very ambitious and faithful teacher, and we deeply regret to record her death which occurred not long after the close of school, which event was not only painful to her friends, but the community were bereft of one whose life was so full of usefulness and would have been an ornament to the society in which she moved.

Winter term, No. scholars 26, average attendance 23. Taught by S. W. Holman of this town, 11 weeks. This was Mr. H's first attempt. Being quite young we had some doubt as to the propriety of his undertaking to teach this school, it being the largest and most advanced of any in town, though not the most difficult to manage, for much credit is due to the scholars of this school for their willing obedience to their teachers, self respect, and laudable deportment. At the closing of the term we were happy to meet a goodly number of our citizens, friends of No. 9., assembled to witness the closing exercises of their school, which were of a very pleasing and interesting character. We were quite interested with a number of specimens of map drawings, executed by the scholars which evinced fine taste and skill. If this was more generally practiced in our schools it would be highly beneficial. Perhaps Mr. H. succeeded better in this school than he would in some others. There are but few schools where the scholars join hands with their teacher and enter so heartily into the work as they do here, and no other district where the citizens manifest so much interest as they do in this district, and this is the secret, for this school is generally the most prosperous. We were happily disappointed at the closing of the term for the success of the effort far transcended our expectation.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

This school was somewhat unfortunate the teacher, Miss Josie M. Weeks, of Hopkinton, commenced and continued for four weeks. Regarding her services as quite unprofitable we advised her to withdraw, which she did. After a brief vacation the school re-commenced under the charge of Miss Ida Brown, of Henniker, with excellent success, 5 weeks. Miss B's first attempt was very auspicious. She exhibits much tact and skill for one so young, and promises to be a very successful teacher. No scholars 7. Average attendance 7.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

No. scholars 9. average attendance 9. Taught by Miss Anna J. McNeil of this town, 8 weeks. This was Miss M's second term in this school. We are happy to find that the confidence reposed in her by the district in her first attempt was not misplaced, that her second term was an improvement on the first. A little academic polish to her education will greatly enhance her qualifications and place her above the mediocrity of teachers.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

	District No.										
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Length of school in weeks.	Summer 7	9	7	8	8	9	10	10	10	10	11
Wages of teacher per month including board.	Winter. 10	9	11	11	9	5	10	16	11	9	8
	Summer 29	26	29	30	35	25	20	32	36	14	13
Whole number different scholars.	Winter. 19	18	26	18	19	12	11		22		
	Summer 15	19	9	10	17	8	10		29		
Average attendance.	Winter. 17	26	12	15	19	11	12	10	26	7	9
	Summer 14	15	8	7	13	6	9		25		
Number different scholars in district.	Winter. 14	24	9	11	13	8	10	8	23	7	9
	Summer 20	19	9	10	19	8	12	32			
Number times tardy.	Winter. 17	26	12	16	21	13	12	10	28	7	9
	Summer 4	0	4	6	9	0	7	13			
Number pupils not absent a half day.	Winter. 2	11	11	6	8	2	5	32	10	24	10
	Summer 6	0	2	0	2	0	1	7			
Number attending to reading and spelling.	Winter. 3	5	4	0	0	0	2	2	13	3	9
	Summer 15	19	9	9	17	8	10	30			
Writing.	Winter. 17	26	12	15	19	11	12	10	26	7	9
	Summer 12	11	8	8	6	6	5	18			
Arithmetic.	Winter. 11	16	12	14	7	11	10	8	9	5	5
	Summer 13	13	9	8	6	7	7	19			
Grammar.	Winter. 16	19	12	14	15	10	10	10	24	6	5
	Summer 2	2	4	3	4	3	1	6			
Geography.	Winter. 9	2	6	4	4	4	4	5	12	3	1
	Summer 3	5	9	8	4	3	3	13			
History.	Winter. 4	11	12	2				5	13	6	5
	Summer 3										
Other branches.	Winter. 1			1			1				
	Summer 3					2	2				

Average wages of male teachers per month including board \$30.50 ; average wages of female teachers per month including board \$20.80 ; whole number scholars attending school not less than two weeks 203 ; days lost by non-attendance 1736.

ISAAC SMITH, School Committee.

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